

IN THE CLAIMS

1-12 (Canceled)

13 (Currently Amended): A method of producing a polyvinyl alcohol polymer film which comprises:

contacting a polyvinyl alcohol polymer with a surface for drying (first drying surface) to obtain a polyvinyl alcohol polymer film,

wherein the length of the first drying surface is within the range of 3m to 200m, and

wherein the water content of the film when peeled after passing through the first drying surface ranges from 10% to 50% by weight,

wherein both sides of the polyvinyl alcohol polymer film are dried to form a film in two stages of said first drying surface and a subsequent second drying surface or in more stages, while one side of the film being dried by the first drying surface and the other side of the film being dried by the second drying surface, and

wherein the length of said second drying surface is 1.2 times or less of the length of said first drying surface.

14 (Canceled)

15 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein the width of the film is 2m or more.

16 (Canceled)

17 (Previously Presented): A polyvinyl alcohol polymer film produced by the method of Claim 13, which is characterized by a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 5 nm or less.

18 (Canceled)

19 (Previously Presented): A polyvinyl alcohol polymer film produced by the method of Claim 15, which is characterized by a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 5 nm or less.

20 (Canceled)

21 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol film produced by the method of Claim ~~20~~ 13, which has a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 4 nm or less.

22 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol film produced by the method of Claim ~~20~~ 13, which has a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 3 nm or less.

23 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol film produced by the method of Claim ~~20~~ 13, which has a thickness ranging from 5 to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

24 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol film produced by the method of Claim 20 13, which has a thickness ranging from 35 to 80  $\mu\text{m}$ .

25 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol film produced by the method of Claim 20 13, which has a width of 2 m or more.

26 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol film produced by the method of Claim 20 13, which is produced using polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) having a degree of polymerization of at least 500.

27 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol film produced by the method of Claim 20 13, which is produced using polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) having a degree of polymerization of at least 2500.

28 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol film produced by the method of Claim 20 13, which is produced using polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) having a degree of hydrolysis of at least 90 mol%.

29 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol film produced by the method of Claim 20 13, which is produced using polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) having a degree of hydrolysis of at least 99 mol%.

30 (Currently Amended): The polyvinyl alcohol polymer film produced by the method of Claim 20 13 that is suitable for use as a polarization film.

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31 (Currently Amended): A polarization film comprising the polyvinyl alcohol polymer film produced by the method of Claim 20 13.

32 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) comprising the film produced by the method of Claim 20 13.